

Obstruction of Justice, Explosive Device Arrest

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Incident:Obstruction of Justice, Explosive Device Arrest

Location: 300 S Wells Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 8/11/16 at 6:36 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved:VPD Patrol, VPD Street Crimes Unit Detectives, VCCAT Detectives, Ventura City Fire, Oxnard Fire, and VCSO Bomb Squad

Suspect(s): Michael Gaussiran, 52 years, Ventura vagrant

Report #: 16-11172

Narrative:

On the above date and time VPD patrol officers responded to the area of Citrus Dr and Wells Rd re: a report of a possible domestic disturbance involving a male seen forcing a female into a motorhome parked on the street.

Officers arrived and contacted the male half of the domestic identified as Michael Gaussiran sitting in the driver's seat of the motorhome. As officers questioned him about the whereabouts of the involved female Gaussiran stated that she had left but refused to let the officers inspect the interior of the motorhome to ascertain if the female was in need of any assistance.

Gaussiran refused to exit the locked motorhome and suddenly retreated to the rear portion of the vehicle out of the officers' view.

The officers not knowing what Gaussian's intentions were took cover behind the patrol units and began to order Gaussiran out of the motorhome.

After approximately 15 minutes flames were observed inside the motorhome as Gaussiran fled out the side door and was taken into custody.

The motor home quickly became engulfed in flames and officers attempted to obtain information from Gaussiran as to the location of the female he was arguing with. Gaussiran remained uncooperative and made statements that led the officers on scene to suspect that Gaussiran had intentionally started the fire to destroy evidence of narcotic manufacturing that may have been occurring inside the motorhome.